

Message Text

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STATE FOR A/SY COMMAND CENTER AND A/SY/FO
HQ EUCOM FOR CCD, MAJOR EVANS
POSTS FOR SECURITY OFFICERS

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: ASEC
SUBJECT: TELEPHONE THREAT

1. AT APPROXIMATELY 14:57 HOURS LOCAL TIME, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19, CONGEN SWITCHBOARD OPERATOR TOOK CALL FROM UNIDENTIFIED MALE WHO FIRST ASKED TO SPEAK TO THE AMBASSADOR AND THEN CORRECTED HIMSELF AND ASKED TO BE CONNECTED WITH THE CONSUL. WHEN OPERATOR SOUGHT TO ASCERTAIN WHICH CONSUL, NOTING THERE WERE SEVERAL, HE REPLIED THAT HE WAS CALLING "ON BUSINESS" (GESCHAEFT- LICH). ASKED IF HIS BUSINESS CONCERNED A VISA, HE HESITATED AND THEN REPLIED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE.

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2. OPERATOR TRANSFERRED CALL TO VISA SECTION WHERE FOLLOWING CONVERSATION ENSUED:

VISA CLERK: VISA SECTION

CALLER : SPRECHE ICH MIT DER RICHTIGEN STELLE?

- (AM I SPEAKING WITH THE PROPER SECTION?)

VISA CLERK: SIE SPRECHEN MIT DER VISA ABTEILLNG

- (YOU ARE SPEAKING WITH THE VISA SECTION)

CALLER : ICH VERBINDE (I'LL CONNECT YOU)

AT THIS POINT THERE WAS CLICK IN THE LINE AND A MALE
VOICE ANNOUNCED THE FOLLOWING:

"HIER IST DIE ISRAELISCHE BEFREIUNGSORGANISATION. IN
DEM MASCHINENRAUM (MISSED WORDS) IST EINE BOMBE. SIE
WIRD ABGEHEN (MISSED WORDS)" (THIS IS THE ISRAELI
LIBERATION ORGANIZATION. A BOMB IS IN THE MACHINE ROOM.
(MISSED WORDS). IT WILL GO OFF (MISSED WORDS)).

3. CALLER HUNG UP IMMEDIATELY AFTER DELIVERING
MESSAGE. BOTH CALLERS SPOKE EXCELLENT GERMAN WITH NO
DISCERNIBLE DIALICE OR ACCENT. FIRST CALLER CONVERSED
IN CALM, BUSINESS-LIKE MANNER, WHEREAS SECOND CALLER
SPOKE SO RAPIDLY THAT VISA CLERK MISSED PARTS OF THE
MESSAGE. OTHER THAN CLICK MENTIONED ABOVE, THERE WERE
NO DISCERNIBLE BACKGROUND NOISES. VISA CLERK CHARAC-
TERIZED BOTH CALLERS AS MATURE INDIVIDUALS.

4. THOROUGH SEARCH OF INTERIOR AND EXTERIOR OF
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CONGEN BUILDING WAS IMMEDIATELY CONDUCTED WITH
NEGATIVE RESULTS. MUNICH POLICE AND U.S. MILITARY
AUTHORITIES AT MCGRAW KASERNE WERE ALSO NOTIFIED.

5. APPROXIMATELY 25 MINUTES AFTER FOREGOING CALL,
PSO WAS NOTIFIED BY THE NEWS DIVISION (TAGESSCHAU)
OF BAVARIAN STATE TELEVISION THAT THEY HAD RECEIVED
THE FOLLOWING PHONE MESSAGE:

CALLER : IST DORT DIE TAGESSCHAU?

- (IS THIS THE NEWS PROGRAM?)

TAGESSCHAU: JA (YES)

CALLER : ICH MOECHTE SIE DARUEBER INFORMIEREN,

- DASS BEI DEM AMERIKANISCHEN KONSULAT

- DROHUNGEN EINGEGANGEN SIND.

- (I WOULD LIKE TO INFORM YOU THAT THREATS

HAVE BEEN RECEIVED PY THE AMERICAN

- CONSULATE.)

CALLER, WHO WAS MALE AND SPOKE VERY RAPIDLY IN EXCELLENT,

ACCENT-FREE GERMAN, BROKE THE CONNECTION IMMEDIATELY
AFTER DELIVERING THE FOREGOING MESSAGE.

6. COMMENT: MUNICH POLICE ARE OF THE OPINION THAT
CALL TO BAVARIAN TELEVISION STUDIO WAS MADE BY SAME
PERSON WHO PHONED THREAT TO CONSULATE. THEY THEORIZE

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THAT PERSON OR PERSONS RESPONSIBLE HOPED THAT EVENING
NEWS WOULD CARRY REPORT, THUS PROVIDING CULPRIT(S)
WITH FREE, IF ANONYMOUS, PUBLICITY. WE TEND TO AGREE
WITH THIS ASSESSMENT.

7. IN CONVERSATION WITH PSO, ONE OF OUR LOCAL POLICE
CONTACTS MENTIONED THAT THERE HAS BEEN A MARKED INCREASE
IN THREATS OF ALL TYPES DURING THE PAST FEW WEEKS. HE
THEORIZED THAT RECENT WARNINGS BY FRG OFFICIALS (TO THE
EFFECT THAT THE LULL IN TERRORIST ACTIVITY MAY END AT
ANY TIME AND STRESSING INCREASED VIGILANCE), HAVE PRO-
VIDED THE IMPETUS FOR THIS UPSURGE. SUCH WARNINGS, HE
NOTED, ALWAYS SEEM TO BRING THE "CRAZIES" OUT OF THE
WOODWORK. THIS VIEW NOTWITHSTANDING, WE AND THE POLICE
CONTINUE TO TAKE ALL THREATS SERIOUSLY. BETTS

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